

## MADE GLEASON RUN.

Todd, of Long Island City, Is a Proud Man This Day.

The Big Mayor Admits He Showed the White Feather.

"Will Do So Any Time There Is a Pistol in It," He Says.

Editor Thomas Henry Todd, of the Long Island City Star, is not a very big man, and his long, gray beard and silver locks are tokens that he has passed the meridian and that he is on the shady side of life. But he has bounded at once into fame as one who has made Patrick Jerome Gleason, the Despot King of Hunter's Point, run to cover—and the big fellow, as his admirers affectionately and his political enemies derisively call him, admits it himself.



MAYOR PATRICK GLEASON.

It all happened last evening, and there were several witnesses. Ever since Mr. Gleason has been chief magistrate of Long Island City he has been consistently and persistently opposed by Editor Todd's Star, the only daily paper in Long Island City.

Early and late Editor Todd, who is said to have been Long Island City's Warwick for a generation prior to the appearance of starchy Pat Gleason, has picked flaws in the official armor of the big Mayor, and held that official up to ridicule, contempt and obloquy.

Only last week, one issue of his paper, Editor Todd called Mayor Gleason "The Boss," "The Buster from Busterville," "The Tyrant" and the "Great I Am," and talked about his "scoundrelism."

These playful expressions and pet names occurred in an article which told how when the Astor & Grand and Blind Company failed, Mayor Gleason bought their frame factory for \$125,000. How he prevailed upon the Board of Health, appointed by himself, to condemn the First Ward school building, and thereupon got the Board of Education, also appointed by himself, to accept his offer of free use of the old factory for the school site. The building was completed.

How the school Board was induced to let contracts for \$80,000 worth of alterations on the building, and was then confronted by Edward M. Tyrrell, a Brooklyn cigar-dealer with a demand for \$5,000 a year rental for the building, of which he stands on record as the owner.

Yesterday Justice Bartlett, of the Brooklyn Supreme Court, continued an injunction issued on the complaint of Peter A. Leininger, taxpayer, restraining Mayor Gleason from issuing \$23,000 5 per cent. bonds of the city for the purchase of a site and the erection of new school house. Taxpayer Leininger, it is said, was "put up to it" by Editor Todd.

These are only a few of the little things that Editor Todd has done to annoy Mayor Gleason, and good friends of each have whispered their respective champion that the other was venal and fit for anything. That, in short, each was in a sore danger of physical injury from the other.

Evidently both believed it. It was not strange, therefore, that when the editor with patriarchal beard and pipe in mouth came down Borden avenue to take a stroll to his country home at Woodside last evening and reached for his tobacco pouch in his hip-pocket the Mayor, who would make as big a target as the proverbial side of a barn, saw death-dealing pistols in his imagination.

Seeing imaginary pistols about as bad as its effects as real ones, at any rate, the Mayor, who is about as long as a leg, and west as he is the other way, and who was using his after-supper toothpick in the doorway of the dining-room at Tony Miller's hotel, made as short a turn as one of his

## NOT DISCHARGED.

Denials that Soldiers at Buffalo Lost Their Work.

They May Say as Long as the Militia Is Needed.

Some of Those Asking to Be Excluded Have Not Been Sent For.

Brig-Gen. James McLeer, commanding the Second Brigade of the National Guard, is much disturbed at the reports that several members of the four Brooklyn regiments had lost their positions by reason of their absence from their places of business during the past week.

"I shall," said the General, "order the colonels of the several regiments to make a report to me, after this trouble is over, of the men who have lost their positions, and shall do all I can to procure their reinstatement."

"I have received numerous telegrams from Col. Austin to the effect that if any man was in danger of losing his place he could go home."

"I have been using members of my staff and the district messenger service to find out from employers what is their position in regard to holding places open for men now on military duty, and find in a majority of cases that the men run no risk of losing their positions."

A feeling of indignation prevails among such National guardsmen who are still in this city and Brooklyn over the treatment several members of the Fourteenth Regiment have received at the hands of their employers because of their enforced absence in Buffalo.

The loss of their positions has already been the subject of complaint. Benjamin Sykes and W. F. Powers, Private Augustus Vail and two others, and advices from Buffalo this morning state that Col. Austin has been compelled to yield to the appeals for excuse made by three members of his command under the penalty of forfeiting their employment.

The three men referred to are Edward F. Conway, cutter for a Brooklyn tailor, John D. Lloyd, employed by the Prentiss Supply Company at 115 Liberty street, and J. Freeman Baker, an employee of Hall & Ruckel, wholesale druggists at 216 Greenwich street.

According to the information received by Col. Austin, investigation by Gen. James McLeer, Commander of the Second Brigade, disclosed the fact that all the employers who had requested the services of their men in the command were willing that the latter should remain as long as wanted, with the exception of the three above named. Conway, Lloyd and Freeman were accordingly sent home to report to their employers.

A representative of Col. Austin after this morning's visit to the army barracks for the purpose of ascertaining if the men really would have been discharged in the event of their failure to return. An Evening World reporter followed later, and in each case the firm disclaimed all knowledge of having threatened to discharge their respective employees if they failed to return to work.

"The idea is simply preposterous," said the Junior Partner Brooks of the firm of Hall & Ruckel, to the reporter. "The firm is employed by us as order clerk, and about ten days ago wrote us that he was ordered to Buffalo with his regiment. He went away and we supposed he was still there until a man representing Col. Austin called on us this morning. He has made no request whatever for Freeman's return, nor have we communicated with him in any way. We certainly are sensible enough to recognize the fact that the State militia is all in support of the Government, and we do not intend to be unwise in making any threat to any of our men at the expiration of any specified time. We have no objection to his staying as long as he likes, and if he has left Buffalo he has done so at his own risk."

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Every business man is more or less interested in the present militia situation, and the one who made any such threat would certainly be opposed to his own interests. The Levy & Clark clothing store at 100 Broadway, Brooklyn, who was reported as having disclaimed all knowledge of having threatened to discharge their employees if they failed to return to work, is a case in point.

"It is true that I have been inconvenienced very much by Conway's absence, but I have not threatened to discharge him. I have a contract with him for a year. He is the only cutter I have in my employ, and I cannot get along without him. I have a large number of orders on hand, and I do not know what to do. I cannot get a substitute to fill his place. He knows the peculiarities of my business, and I cannot get along without him. Conway has been gone a couple of days and I want

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